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## Column One
BY
**David Courtney**

THERE are probably three aspirants to leadership of the Moslem world — Egypt, Iraq and Pakistan. Egypt's chances, which looked fairly good when General Nagib brought about his *coup d'etat* and dethroned King Farouk, have thinned a good deal in the last month or two. Pakistan's chances have never been really bright. Her eyes have been sharply focused on India, and her governments have never felt able to divert their gaze for long in the direction of the Moslem countries to the westwards. The electoral defeat of the Moslem League in East Bengal and the shock it has given to Mohammed Ali's Government in Karachi have not improved Pakistan's chances of exercising leadership over the Moslems peoples beyond her border.

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THERE remains, of course, the instrument of the Turkey-Pakistan treaty and the possibility of large American supplies flowing into Pakistan, as means of raising Karachi's prestige and extending her influence. But it is doubtful whether Turkey would wish to see her junior partner in this western-sponsored alliance become, in effect, the senior of the two, as might happen if, added to the large and competent Pakistani manpower, the Arab States were to bring their geographical usefulness into the pool. For the Arab States are not particularly friendly to Turkey and in any such alliance would almost certainly lean towards Karachi rather than Ankara, forming, perhaps, a powerful bloc which Turkey could not easily prevail against in cases of dispute.

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THE open question is whether Iraq, greatly strengthened in armaments by membership of the Turkey-Pakistan treaty and extended in influence by some kind of federal union with Syria, would not in itself be brought into better shape for Arab leadership than Pakistan could be for Moslem leadership. Certainly, there are substantial reasons for supposing that Iraq has been moved by these ambitions and should be able, economically, to afford them. It is also possible that the British Government, which had looked with disfavour on proposals for Iraq's entry into the Turkey-Pakistan alliance but now seems reconciled to them, would continue to be the dominating western influence in Baghdad and the main source of Iraq's arms supplies, although it is likely that the arms would be paid for by America.

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THESE several probabilities—and there are, of course, many more in a region which is basically unstable — must compel a good deal of hard thinking in Israel. Next to Turkey and perhaps parallel with that country, Israel's defence services are the best in the Middle East, although probably short of the most modern heavy armament. For a number of reasons, however, the Western Powers seem at the moment to have less use for highly-trained manpower than for land areas suited to air warfare. The push-button mentality seems to be gaining ground, especially in Washington, and to regard a multiplicity of air bases as far more important than an army capable of effective land defence. In the Middle East this kind of calculation leads to political equations which, in themselves, would seem to be wholly indefensible. It is perhaps not surprising that Israel sums up these equations as appeasement.

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IT may be comforting to use nasty words and to grow indignant, but getting cross is no substitute for policy. If Israel is to be left in isolation surrounded by hostile countries, and if those hostile countries are to be armed ostensibly (and from the point of view of the western countries no doubt genuinely) to be better able to meet attacks from a potential aggressor to the east, then Israel, who fears that those arms may be one day turned against her, is justified in demanding frontier conditions that will ensure security within her territory at least as long as there is no open and declared war between her and her neighbours. That is to say, she is justified in demanding the loyal performance of the various armistice agreements entered into some years ago between herself and the Arab States.

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AND that brings Israel, Jordan, the United Nations and the Western Powers directly concerned back to the question of the conference between Jordan and Israel called for under Article XII of the Armistice Agreement and become urgent as a result of the appalling ambush at the Scorpions' Ascent. It would seem, in the general context of Middle East developments and from the particular occasion of the Scorpions' Ascent that Israel could ask nothing less and insist upon nothing less than this meeting to discover means for the better performance of the Armistice Agreement between this country and the Arab neighbour with which it has the longest and most difficult frontier and with whom it is most often in conflict. If the door to which Article XII is the key is left closed, what other door can be opened?

Jerusalem, March 22.

# MAC Ends Probe; To Debate Findings Today

**The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission is to hold an immediate debate on the report of its commission of enquiry into last week's massacre at Ma'ale Akrabim. The investigations were terminated last night.**

The Army spokesman announced last night that the team, sent by the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to investigate the area of the attack on the bus at Ma'ale Akrabim last Wednesday has completed its work and returned to Jerusalem last night.

The team issued the following report:

After the attack, the investigating team followed the tracks of the attackers for about 17 kilometres in an easterly direction. The search was suspended at nightfall on Wednesday by which time the investigating team had reached a point about 10 kms. from the Jordan Armistice line.

On Thursday the team reached a rugged, rocky terrain where there was no possibility of finding any further tracks. In view of the great heat, the scent had disappeared and the tracking dogs could not pick it up again.

**More Tracks Found**

Nevertheless, further tracks were discovered the same day, and were examined by U.N. Observers as well as two Jordanian trackers who joined in the investigation on Friday.

The Jordanians took the exact measurements of the tracks to be able to continue the search on the Jordanian side of the border.

The official investigation in the area ended on Friday night.

During the past two days, U.N. Observers took the testimony of those who survived the attack and conducted further enquiries on the actual scene.

The military spokesman added that all the material revealed would be discussed immediately by the Mixed Armistice Commission.

The Commission has decided to give priority to this complaint over all other items on its agenda.

## Gov't Concentrates On Suitable Action

The Government shelved ordinary business yesterday, and devoted the entire three-and-a-half hour Cabinet session to last Wednesday's Ma'ale Akrabim massacre, with an extraordinary session scheduled for today or tomorrow, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

After reports by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence, the Cabinet discussed action to be taken as a result of the tragedy.

At the core of the deliberations were two allied questions: the need for a Security Council appeal, and the handling of the situation by the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization.

It was felt by some Ministers that without a decision by the latter body first, through the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, further action at the highest level would be premature. All Cabinet members took an active part in the overall discussions.

It is expected that no final decisions will be taken without consulting or advising the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, which is to meet tomorrow.

*The following is the official communique:*

The Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday, reviewed the conclusions to be drawn from the murderous attack by Jordanian forces at Ma'ale Akrabim.

**MEETING DELAYED**

The meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, which was to have taken place today, has been postponed until tomorrow at 11 a.m., in Jerusalem.

## Iraq Will Consider Joining Pakistan, Turkey if Invited

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Fadil Jamali told a press conference here today that "Iraq has not yet been invited to join the Turco-Pakistani pact." He added, "When invited, we will consider the issue in the light of our national interests."

Jamali accused the Egyptian press and radio of "unwarranted attacks" against his country in alleging that Iraq was "trying to join the Turco-Pakistan alliance." He said that his Government would take "drastic measures" to combat Communism in Iraq.

In Lahore, Pakistan, yesterday, units of Pakistan's American-equipped 10th Infantry Division demonstrated training techniques before young King Faisal of Iraq.

King Faisal left by train for Bahawalpur after watching the troops in action. He is on a 10-day official visit there which some sources believe may be connected with the possible linking of Iraq into the West's Mid-Eastern defence chain.

**Hail Lebanon Report**

At the same time, members of King Faisal's official party, which includes elder statesman Nuri e-Said, appeared highly pleased at Lebanese reports that the country is to accept American aid. The Iraqi officials feel, informed sources said, that Lebanon's acceptance of U.S. aid spares them the necessity of taking a lead among the Arab nations in agreeing to receive it.

In London, Western diplomats were reported keenly awaiting the outcome of the talks which Nuri e-Said, leader of the Iraqi majority Liberal Constitution Party, is now holding in Pakistan and which he will continue in India and Middle Eastern states.

Former Prime Minister Nuri e-Said accompanied Faisal to Pakistan, and is making the tour with the full authority of the Iraqi Government. His talks may therefore affect the whole Western defence front against Communism. They may also have serious consequences for the unity of the Arab world, in which Egypt has in the past been the unchallenged leader.

Nuri is still in Karachi. His next call will be on Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. He also plans to visit Ankara, Teheran, Cairo, and Beirut on his way home from New Delhi. He is expected to take soundings in these capitals regarding possible Iraqi membership in the Turco-Pakistani alliance.

*(Reuter, UP)*

## Ike Said Considering MacArthur for Far East

MacArthur

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — General Douglas MacArthur may be designated a special White House envoy and dispatched on a sweeping Far East tour as a result of his luncheon this week with President Eisenhower, it was learned today.

Powerful congressional friends of the former Far East commander were reporting privately that they expected such a move as an outgrowth of the MacArthur-Eisenhower reunion.

Gen. MacArthur, according to these persons, would make a "fact-finding" and "good-will" tour of Asia.

## Spectacular Cairo Parade for Saud

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — British-made jet planes flew overhead as more than 5,000 troops marched past King Saud of Saudi Arabia and President Nagib in a spectacular parade in Republican Square here today.

The troops, with heavy equipment and armour, marched by in bright sunshine. Aircraft of the Egyptian air force and squadrons of bombers roared past. Artillery fired salvoes outside the Capital.

Several thousand workers and students came to the parade carrying banners and shouting slogans.

King Saud and President Nagib are expected today to discuss questions of interest to their two countries, particularly Wesern efforts to bring the Middle East into Western defence arrangements.

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi is giving a dinner tonight in King Saud's honour.

## Revenue Tops Outlay For 10 Months

Ordinary Government revenue during the first ten months of the current fiscal year was almost IL.187m., while ordinary expenditure was IL.176m., Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Director General of the Finance Ministry, announced at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Development Budget during the same period (April 1, 1953 — January 31, 1954), stood at IL.123.8m., of which IL.4.7m. was laid out on account of future receipts.

Another IL.21m. is estimated from ordinary revenue sources in February, bringing the total to IL.208m., Mr. Sapir said. The original total estimate for the year was IL. 216.3m., to which IL.17.4m. in supplementary estimates tabled last week must be added, making the total estimated revenue for the year IL.233.7m. The Government consequently hopes to receive IL.15.7m. this month.

Mr. Sapir stated that March was a difficult month to predict; the revenue in January was about IL.25m.

**Luxury Tax**

On the revenue side, luxury tax has already exceeded the estimated IL.10m. by IL.621,319, while on the expenditure side the transfer of most Ministries to the IL.1:800 per dollar rate appears for the first time — resulting in additional outlay of IL.162,317.

Mr. Sapir suggested that, by the end of the fiscal year, this month, the Government will have expended IL.160m. of the Development Budget, including IL.10m. "premiums" (800 pruta per IL.1) to manufacturers. The estimates called for an outlay of IL.175m., including IL.30m. on last year's account.

In addition to the IL.123.8m. outlay, IL.9.7m. was expended with Government backing in the form of "notes of authorization." Since banks tended to consider these as Treasury notes (i.e. reserves to increase liquidity), the Government is withdrawing such notes, and at the end of March, Mr. Sapir added, only IL.2.6m. (apparently in foreign currency) will remain.

# British Gov't Opens Secret Talks on Europe Army Plan

## Paris Meeting Denounces EDC

**LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Britain has opened consultations with France and the other five European Army nations on the final form of her association with the projected military merger, the Foreign Office announced today.**

A spokesman declined to elaborate the statement, but diplomatic sources said that Sir Christopher Steels, British member of the NATO Council in Paris, late last week had told the six-nation committee planning the European Army of Britain's proposed additional commitments.

Fears that premature leakages of information might weaken the effect of the formal announcement of Britain's plans have led to unusual secrecy on the talks. It is planned to publish details of Britain's guarantees to, and relationship with, the projected European Army shortly before the French National Assembly begins debate in ratification of the nearly two-year-old treaty.

In Paris, meanwhile, parliamentarians from six European countries ended a two-day meeting tonight with an affirmation of their firm opposition to the proposed European Army and a decision to set up a liaison committee to coordinate their activities.

Delegates from France, Italy, Germany and the three Benelux countries, as well as British observers attended the conference called by French opponents of the European Defence Community.

**Right to Left**

The French included Deputies and Senators from right, centre and left-wing parties, including Radical ex-Premier Edouard Daladier, M. Laurent Casanova, member of the Communist Party Central Committee, and M. Edmond Michelet, former Gaullist Defence Minister.

The final resolution adopted by the conference declared that the E.D.C., far from improving the chances of peace, would close the way to negotiations between East and West and create an insurmountable obstacle to the peaceful unification of Germany.

It called for the reopening of the Berlin negotiations to try to find a solution of the different international problems, including peaceful reunification of Germany, free elections throughout Germany, the conclusion of German and Austrian treaties, organization of a collective security system and general disarmament.

It said that it was by these means and not by prior rearmament that Germany could find her proper place in the community of nations.

## French Recapture Regional Centre

SAIGON, Sunday (Reuter). — French Union troops mopping up north of the Laotian capital of Luang Prabang have captured the regional centre of Pak Seng, about 80 kms. north-east of the capital, the French High Command announced tonight.

The Vietminh failed to capture Luang Prabang in the invasion of northern Laos last month, and withdrew.

The French and Vietnamese garrison besieged in the fortress of Dien Bien Phu in northern Indo-China last night spent their sixth calm night since rebels tried to storm the fortress last week.

Despite worsening weather today, French Air Force fighters and bombers struck at Vietminh forces forming up north and east of Dien Bien Phu for the second stage of their attack.

Vietminh radio said today that guerillas had ambushed both columns of a two-pronged French force in central Annam, inflicting heavy casualties.

## Iran Still Needs Foreign Advisers, Shah Says

TEHERAN, Sunday (UP). — Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi told his people in an Iranian New Year's Day broadcast today that foreign advisers still are needed to help raise the nation's living standards.

In a similar broadcast opening the year 1333 by the Iranian calendar, Premier Fazlollah Zahedi congratulated the nation for overcoming turmoil and unrest in the past year.

Premier Zahedi presumably referred to the overthrow of Premier Mohammad Mossadegh and the campaign to get Iran's oil flowing to world markets again.

The Premier said that his Government now is in full control and has established nation-wide security

## Yugoslav XI Edges Israel by Lone Goal

By AKIVA KALMAN

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — A capacity crowd of over 50,000 saw Yugoslavia gain a one goal win over Israel in the final match of the World Soccer Cup series here this afternoon.

The huge crowd was thrilled by the great fighting and defensive spirit, sprinkled with some exciting attacks, of the home team, and the polished, clean play of the undoubtedly superior visitors.

The winning goal came from Bobik, the Yugoslav inside-left, ten minutes from the end, following a move down the left-wing and a pass to the inside man, who headed home.

The Israel XI, reconstituted with the substitution of four national "B" men and one reserve of the "A" side, were, from a defensive viewpoint, a complete success.

It might be unfair to single out particular individuals, but Ben Dror, the new right-half, Ginsberg, centre-forward, Blut, left-half, and Schweitzer, right-back, with special mention for Chodorov, the goal-keeper, were prominent throughout.

But it was a demonstration of determined team play, each man putting his back into it. This set-up, with practice, may well prove to be the national side for which we are looking.

The control by referee Reg Leaf was perfect, and he was well aided by the two Turkish linesmen, Bazar and Garan.

The match was broadcast direct to Yugoslavia (Radio Belgrade) by Mr. G. Markovivic, their commentator.

Among the personalities present were the British Ambassador and Lady Evans, the diplomatic representatives of Yugoslavia, Hungary and Switzerland, and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann.

This game ended the cup series with three wins for the Yugoslavs, two for the Greeks and none for Israel. Yugoslavia now goes on to meet Switzerland for the finals later this year.

## MINISTERS DISCUSS LOAN GUARANTEES

The Economic Ministers' Committee yesterday discussed the "escalator clause" on Government loans and decided to nominate a committee of experts to work out details from the Development Budget.

This has been the subject of concern in economic and Government circles. They favour some form of linking these long-term loans to an index of prices so that the borrower returns the real value of such loans.

A public committee, headed by the Income Tax Commissioner, Mr. Benzion Argov, was named to consider changes in Income Tax regulations.

At an earlier meeting, the Ministers approved the new proposals regarding these income tax regulations, which have been passed along to the Ministerial Legislative Committee for phrasing. The public committee is to continue where a similar group, appointed last year, left off. This body was responsible for the proposals now adopted.

## Mau Mau Leaders Ignore Truce Bid

NAIROBI, Sunday (UP). — Mau Mau terrorist leaders ignored a delegation of British officials hoping to negotiate a truce in the campaign of violence against white settlers and friendly Africans, authorities announced today.

Major General G. D. C. Heyman, Chief of Staff to Britain's East African Commander-in-Chief, led other high-ranking officials into the jungle to meet the Mau Mau leaders yesterday. But despite several days of careful preparation and the appeal of captured terrorist chieftain "General China," none of the native leaders appeared at the secret rendezvous.

"General China," whose death sentence for terrorism was commuted after he had volunteered to help arrange a truce, sought to bring both sides together by leaving letters to his former fellow leaders in hidden jungle "Mau Mau mailboxes." He said then that it was time to end the savage jungle warfare and settle the natives' grievances on the political level.

There was little surprise expressed in official circles at yesterday's rebuff, and authorities indicated that efforts to bring about the meeting would continue.

## Khrushchev Places Blame for Low Crops

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Supreme Director of all Ministries concerned with agriculture and food production, blamed certain Soviet officials in a recent speech for the "sorry state of affairs" in Soviet agriculture, according to "Pravda," quoted by Moscow radio.

The speech was made at a Communist Party session on February 23, but was only released yesterday and published today.

Mr. Khrushchev, who also holds the influential post of First Secretary of the Communist Party, named former agricultural chiefs in turn, criticizing them for their shortcomings.

"The administration of state farms was for a long time in the hands of T. Skvorstov," he said. "Now you see the results of his leadership. Comrade Skvorstov enjoyed our confidence, but, put to the test, he proved himself a worthless organizer and a short-sighted worker. That does not do him any honours."

Mr. Khrushchev also attacked Mr. Demidov, deputy chairman of the State Economic Planning board, and Mr. Dmitriev, former head of the planning department for agricultural problems of the board.

He declared that the responsibility for planning mistakes lay squarely on the shoulders of these two men.

Mr. Khrushchev mentioned the "incorrect behaviour of Comrade Benediktov, the Minister of Agriculture," who seemed to have been "engulfed by red tape," and blamed the excessive centralization and red tape methods of the Soviet governmental system for the failure of Soviet agriculture.

He declared that the most important mistake made by state farms was the increase of the amount of fodder grown on cultivated land at the expense of grain crops, as a result of which the all-important grain producing area had decreased by a million hectares.

On some collective farms, the area under fodder was several times larger than the area used for grain crops. "This is strictly against the interests of the state," he declared.

## *United Front Increases Margin in East Bengal*

DACCA, East Bengal (Reuter). — The left-wing United Front has defeated all five Ministers of the outgoing Moslem League Government including the Premier, Nurul Amin, in the elections just concluded.

The party position tonight was: United Front 187, Independents 10, Moslem League 7, and Ganathantri Dal (a religious party) 1.

**RUSSIA PROTESTS TO GREECE ON US BASES**

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has protested to Greece against the granting of military bases to the U.S. on Greek territory, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported today.

**BONN-ANKARA ACCORD**

ANKARA, Sunday (UP). — Visiting West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Turkish Prime Minister Adnan Menderes today joined in urging that West Germany be promptly integrated in the Western defence front through the European Army treaty.

Dr. Adenauer and West German Foreign Office officials conferred here at length over the week-end with Premier Mendres and Foreign Minister Fuad Koprulu. Before Adenauer left the capital today by air for Izmir, they issued a communique saying they had examined "all details of the present world political situation, with special concern devoted to the question of European security."

**CHURCHILL REPORTED RESIGNING IN MAY**

LONDON, Sunday (UP).— The "News of the World" said last night that Sir Winston Churchill will resign as Premier shortly after Queen Elizabeth returns from her world tour in May.

The newspaper stated that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden would become Premier and Housing Minister Harold McMillan would become Foreign Secretary. The paper's correspondent, whose report was carried on the front page under a banner headline, said that his information was based "on the most excellent authority."

Sir Winston, now 79, has repeatedly refused to reveal what plans — if any — he may have for resigning. The Government is not required to hold new elections until 1958.

## World Capitals Told Of Grave Situation

By The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Diplomatic efforts are continuing in all capitals to bring home the seriousness of the outrage at Ma'ale Akrabim, particularly in Washington, London and Paris.

On the other hand, nothing is known here officially of reports appearing yesterday that the meeting between Mr. Dulles and Mr. Abba Eban has been postponed.

No further meeting between the Prime Minister and General Vagn Bennike has been fixed as yet, nor is there any information on the steps the General intends to take in view of the urgent representations made to him by the Government. On the other hand, it is understood that a further Cabinet session will be held today or tomorrow to deal further with the incident.

In reply to the statement of the chief Jordan delegate to the MAC on the Ma'ale Akrabim attack, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday:

"Mr. Heikal is reported to have made a public declaration last Friday which demonstrates once again Jordan's irresponsible and provocative attitude to the problem of border security. He alleged that the outrage at Ma'ale Akrabim was committed by Israelis.

"This statement by Jordan's chief delegate, apart from being a sign of a guilty conscience, surpasses in its sheer effrontery, the customary Jordan hate propaganda and the sinister campaign of hostility persistently conducted in Jordan.

"This statement on the part of a senior Jordan official, whose very task it is to cooperate in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement, indicates Jordan's apparent determination to continue to aggravate the state of tension.

"In view of the fact that all the evidence concerning responsibility for this outrage points towards Jordan, Heikal's inflammatory statement must be intended as an endorsement and encouragement of further attacks."

## FIRE FROM LATRUN

Machine-gun fire was opened at 6:30 p.m. yesterday from the Latrun police station on two tractors on their way from Mishmar Ayalon to Kibbutz Nahshon, the Army spokesman announced last night. The tractorists were not hurt.

A complaint has been filed with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

## Infiltrators Jailed

Two infiltrators from Yalu village in Jordan-held territory, were sentenced to one year in prison by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday, for stealing 60 metres of irrigation pipes in the Jerusalem Corridor.

The accused, who admitted the theft of the pipes, said that they had come to pick figs but had found the pipes instead. *(Itim)*

**13 CLASHES WITH INFILTRATORS IN WEEK**

Armed infiltrators clashed with security forces 13 times; two infiltrators were killed and two were captured during the week ending March 13, according to the Army spokesmen. A number of irrigation pipes and draught animals also were stolen in that period.

## Jordan Puts Off Reply on Talks

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Jordan has postponed replying to the proposal of Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, U.N. Secretary-General, for talks between Jordan and Israel on Armistice problems, it was officially disclosed here today.

The reason for the postponement is believed to be the Scorpions' Ascent incident in which 11 Israel bus passengers were murdered last Wednesday.

Last month, the Jordan Cabinet decided tentatively not to accept the talks, and the decision was supported by neighbouring Arab states. The talks were originally requested last November by Israel, invoking Article XII of the Armistice Agreement.

## ISRAEL EXPOSES ARAB DIVERSION AT UN

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). —An Israel spokesman described as an attempt to divert attention from Jordan responsibility last night's complaint by Arab delegations to the U.N. alleging that Israel was concentrating troops on her borders with Syria Jordan and the Lebanon.

Awni Khalidy of Iraq, spokesman for the Arab delegates from Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia who said he also represented Lebanon, Jordan and Yemen, made the allegaton in an interview with U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld.

The press officer for the Israel delegation denied that Israel is massing troops on any border — neither now nor two or three days before.

**PREDICT BYROADE AS U.S. ENVOY IN CAIRO**

A Washington dispatch yesterday to "Al Ahram," Cairo daily, reported that Mr. Henry Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, may go to Cairo to replace Mr. Jefferson Caffery as the American Ambassador

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## GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED CASH POSITION (GENERAL FUND) — December 31, 1953

*(In thousands of IL.)*

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| **ASSETS (Investments and deficits)** | | **Liabilities (to be transferred to Revenue of Budget or repaid)** | |
| Govt. Bank Deposits | | Special receipts | IL.26,996 |
| In Banks | IL. 12,108 | Coins and notes under IL.1 in circulation | 3,407 |
| Foreign Exchange transactions | 19,005 | Collections a/acct. Anglo-Israel agreement | 3,301 |
| TOTAL | IL. 31,113 | Shilumim Corp.—current acct. | 1,830 |
| | | Payable to British securities' holders | 141 |
| Accounts Receivable | | Jewish National Fund for land | 3,271 |
| From local authorities | IL.1,662 | TOTAL | IL.37,945 |
| Investments in shares of concerns | 1,083 | | |
| Reserve supplies and working capital of Govt. Departments | 32,456 | **Deposited with Government** | |
| Loans to Jewish Agency and other bodies | 10,634 | Funds (custodians, etc.) | IL. 11,121 |
| Jewish Agency — current account | 4,659 | Government Departments | 8,195 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,358 | On account of Reparations | 6,079 |
| TOTAL | IL. 88,791 | For Popular Housing | 3,306 |
| | | TOTAL | IL. 28,701 |
| Excess of Expenditure over Revenue | 5,486 | | |
| Foreign Exchange Equalization Fund Deficit | 50,310 | **Accounts Payable** | |
| Independence Bonds | 1,481 | Bank Leumi — overdraught | IL. 9,432 |
| | IL. 57,237 | Bank Leumi — other accounts | 409 |
| | | Bank loans | 6,095 |
| | | Loans (mostly foreign) | 34,549 |
| | | Reserve — commercial acct. for food | 2,372 |
| | | Miscellaneous | 1,468 |
| | | TOTAL | 74,515 |
| GRAND TOTAL | IL. 141,161 | GRAND TOTAL | IL. 141,161 |

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## Social & Personal

The President yesterday received the Defence Minister, Mr. P. Lavon.

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The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett paid a Purim visit to the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Saturday night.

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Dr. Giovanni Lovisetti, editor-in-chief of "Relazioni Internazionale," journal of the Italian Institute for Political Science, arrived by LAI yesterday for a one-week visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry. Also aboard the plane was Dr. Y. Dagon, Custodian of German Property, returning from negotiations with West German officials on compensation for former Templar property in Israel.

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Mrs. Justine Wise Polier, President of the Women's Organization of the American Jewish Congress, and Chief Magistrate of the New York Domestic Relations Court, arrived by LAI yesterday for a ten-day visit as guest of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the World Jewish Congress.

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Mr. Yosef Weiss, Bank Leumi representative in Zurich, returned by LAI yesterday to his post after a short home leave.

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Mr. M. Jacobovski arrived by LAI yesterday to take up his new post as manager of the P.K.O. Bank in Tel Aviv.

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Mr. Sergiu Celibidache, conductor of the current series of I.P.O. concerts, received an ovation at his first Israel appearance at the Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, last night.

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Mr. Walter Susskind, the conductor, left by LAI for Rome yesterday on his way to Australia after a series of appearances here with the I.P.O.

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Mr. I. Bawly, a Tel Aviv accountant, assumed his duties as efficiency expert of the Rehovot Municipality yesterday.

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Dr. F. E. Simon, Professor of Thermodynamics at Oxford, is to deliver a guest lecture under the auspices of the Technion on "Research in the Field of Very Low Temperatures," on Monday, March 22, 1954, at 8 p.m., in lecture hall No. 84 of the Technion.

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*BIRTH*

FRADKIN — To Ruth (née Levinson), wife of Mr. Abraham Fradkin, Tel Aviv, on March 18, 1954, a daughter — Ronit.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Archaeology: — Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba. Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ Tour: — Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Library: — American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

★ Drama Reading: — "The Cocktail Party," a drama by T.E. Eliot, auspices The Jerusalem Dramatic Circle, at the American Consulate General, Mamillah Rd., 8 p.m.

★ Lecture: — Impressions of a Tour in the Far East: Dr. Laniel Levin, Hebrew University; Terra Sancta Bldg., Hall 32, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions: — Exhibition of "Tel Aviv-Jaffa in drawing" Artists' House, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1, 4-7 p.m. General Exhibition of Israel Artists exhibition of paintings and sculptures by 210 artists and sculptors. Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatre: — Habimah, "Escapade." Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m. (Workers).

★ Entertainment: — Concert at Noga Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

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★ Gramophone recital: — Tschaikovsky's Piano Concerto; Rimsky-Korsakoff: Sheherazade; L.P. records, Pevsner House, 8 p.m.

★ Theatre: — "The Trouble Makers" Chamber Theatre, Arnon Hall, 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre: — Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and her Hussar." Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

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★ Theatre: — Habimah, Premiere, "Night of Storm," 8 p.m.

# Some Lessons of Arab Land Seizure Case

By a Legal Correspondent

The case of Mahmud Yunis, an Arab farmer in a village on the Hadera-Affula road, whose land was expropriated under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Validation and Compensation) Act, 1953, has been fully reported in the Law Reports of *The Jerusalem Post* of March 11 and 16. Both the facts of the case and the reasons given by the High Court for its decision raise questions of principle which warrant public discussion all the more because the main issues tend to be obscured by emotional or political considerations.

Curiously enough, a vague similarity might be discovered with a case in which Cicero appeared as counsel for the plaintiff and ridiculed his opponent thus:

"...will you hold that if people had compelled me to depart from my home by force of arms, I should have had a right of action, but as they only prevented me from entering my house, I have none? Shall that man gain his cause before your tribunal, who defends himself by the argument: 'I drove you away with armed men, but I did not drive you out!'"

### The Letter of the Law

The first question will be whether the Court could have arrived at a different decision. The answer must be no.

The wording of the law is perfectly clear and unequivocal; moreover, there is no indication whatsoever in the record of the debate preceding the enactment that the majority of the Knesset intended something different from what the law says, or that it had ever considered a judicial inquiry into the facts upon which the expropriation was based.

All that is required for certain lands to be vested in the Development Authority is a written certificate signed by the Minister of Finance, that this land was not in possession of its owner on April 1, 1952, and that between May 14, 1948 and April 1, 1952 it was used for development, settlement or security purposes.

Once this certificate is issued, the requisition and expropriation are incontestably legalized. Since this is the law, the Court had no authority to interfere. It is an established principle that the whole effort of a judge is "to find the law, not to manufacture it." Much as he may regret it sometimes, the Roman rule *dura lex sed lex* (a hard law, but a law) still binds him.

### Executive Powers

While the decision of the Court is unassailable, the further question arises whether the powers conferred by the law upon the Executive are excessive; in particular, whether the facts that the Minister, before issuing his certificate, need not hear the party concerned, and that his decision is final, are compatible with general principles of justice.

The Court has expressed no opinion on these questions. It is important, however, to note that it has expressly laid down that, under the Interpretation Ordinance, the Minister has the right to cancel or alter his certificate if it was based on error.

The Supreme Court has on more than one occasion pointed to defects of the law, or expressed its disapproval of unreasonable executive action. If it has not done so in this case, not even in the form of an *obiter dictum*, the reason was probably that the law to be applied is unquestionably a political law and that it would lead to undesirable consequences if our judges were to let political arguments and controversies enter into their deliberations. If this assumption is correct, the silence of the Court is understandable; it is supported, to a degree, by a comment of Mr. Justice Stone of the U.S. Supreme Court that the wisdom of statutes is no concern of the courts.

### Law and Politics

On the other hand, it might be argued, with great respect, that even in the sphere of public policy the impact of enactments on civil rights should be open to judicial scrutiny, when the written or unwritten constitutional law is affected, or when in an individual case the wholesale exercise of administrative powers leads to hardships which the legislator may not have foreseen.

It is not without interest that in a recent judgment — one of the most remarkable documents in modern legal history — the Constitutional Court of the West German Federal Republic, dealing with the claims of members of the civil service who had become "dispossessed" after the collapse of the Reich in 1945, based its decision on a penetrating analysis of the connection between political events and the rule of the law.

It is somewhat surprising that the Minister of Finance should be the authority for the issuance of the certificate, and it might have been preferable to vest this right in the Minister of Justice. Although the administrative procedure is neither a judicial nor, as the Court said, of a quasi-judicial nature, the required establishment of certain facts may involve enquiries for which the Ministry of Justice seems to be more appropriate than the Treasury.

Furthermore, as a matter of principle, it seems desirable that, by an amendment of the law, the Minister should be instructed to inform the party concerned of his intention to issue the certificate and to give the party an opportunity to state its case.

While it must be regretted that the law does not provide for a judicial revision of the Minister's decision to issue the certificate of expropriation, it is gratifying that a full judicial process is introduced in the matter of compensation. It is noteworthy in this connection that, before the final vote on the law was taken in the Knesset in March, 1953, the chairman of the Legal Committee made a last-minute, though unsuccessful, attempt to have a provision included which would direct the Minister to grant compensation in land only.

### Protection of the State

It is a daily experience that individual interests must give way to the higher interests of the community. Situations may arise where the same rule must be applied when apparently well established personal rights of the citizen can no longer claim protection.

On the face of it, there might be some ground for the assertion that, in the case under review, the law leads to illogical results. We hear Cicero's voice when we read that the farmer lost possession of his land, not of his own will, but as the result of military orders. This consideration, however, seems untenable in the light of the events which made these orders necessary. It is extremely difficult to pass judgment in the comparatively calm atmosphere of today on actions undertaken at a time of war and upheaval, when the young State had to fight for its survival, and when the border areas in particular had to be made safe.

Although *raison d'état* is a justly suspect chapter in the history of political theory, it cannot well be denied that, when self-preservation and self-defence are at stake, the State can claim the same protection in law as any of its citizen in similar circumstances.

It is unfortunate that the measures taken had to affect areas predominantly inhabited by Arabs. It is indisputable, however, that it was Arabs who had forced this situation upon Israel and that, for both strategic and political reasons, any complacency would have been suicidal. At all events, as long as there is no prospect for a lasting peace, and as long as nearly every day brings news of murder and armed robbery in the border areas, the laws of this country cannot ignore the claims of security, in the well understood interest of all citizens, Jews and Arabs alike.

*(Leader — p.4)*

## Palestine Potash Asks Jordan to Negotiate

A request for negotiations on the cancellation of the Palestine Potash Company Concession has been made to the Jordan Prime Minister by the Corporation's office in London. The concession was cancelled last year.

The request has been referred to the Jordan Ministry of Justice for a study of the international legal implications, "Falastin" reports.

A demand for the cancellation of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation's concession in the Old City, Ramallah, Bethlehem, Beth Jala and Beth Sahur has been made in the meantime by the Old City's Chamber of Commerce, the same paper reports. The Chamber suggests that a Jordan company be formed to replace the JEC.

### MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting for Joseph Rabinovitz, veteran Jewish Agency official, will be held at the Jewish Agency Building in Jerusalem, at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

## ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 697 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 38.6, 48.9 & 232 M.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.20 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.20 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

4.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.20 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Overture "William Tell" (Rossini); Violin Concerto No. 2 (Paganini); "Rodeo" (Copland). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R) 5.00 Piano Recital: Tova Miller. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Excerpts from Operas (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Records Just Arrived. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Citizen. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.20 Light Music (R). 9.50 Recital: Amihud Spiegel & Ruth Helfetz. 10.20 "Notturno." 11.05 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**

469, 229, 216, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Works by Smetana & Dvorak (R). 4.50 Messages to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Literature Corner. 5.30 Ballet Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.8, 34.9 & 469 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.8 M.): 11.15 News. Newsreel. 11.45 Vocal Recital: Ephraim di-Zahav.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 235 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Galai Zahal Orchestra. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Marches. 8.30 News. 9.30 Concert. 10.05 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (21.89: 24.92: 30.52: 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News: News Talk: Press Review.

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The French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert, and the French Military Attache, Lt.-Colonel J. du Boucher, wished the ship God-speed, as did Aluf M. Limon, Navy C.-in-C., Mr. S. Arasi, representing the Government, and Mr. N. Rau, Director of PICA in Israel.

A wood in memory of the Baron is to be planted by the Jewish National Fund. Contributions will be raised here and abroad.

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Press Review :

## Towards A Policy Of Self-Defence

Israel's decision to refrain from immediate retaliation is based on the assumption that the powers and the U.N. will take action, says "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union). If their appeasement of the Arab governments now continues, the recent attack will become the turning point to a policy of self-defence.

"Herut" sharply attacks the policy of restraint and says that the days of 1936-37 will not return, and that the people will not consent to live in an atmosphere of continuous pogrom. A newspaper like "Ha'aretz" may preach suicide, but the overwhelming majority of the people will choose self-preservation, and a government unwilling or unable to realize this will have to resign.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that though the Israel complaint on the Egyptian blockade at Suez has proved that the Security Council is unwilling to act, this time the powers may give Israel a greater measure of support. It therefore proposes that the government concentrate its efforts on an information campaign to prove the justice of Israel claims on the basis of the most recent events.

### Coordinated Aggression

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) is certain that the various acts of aggression against Israel, in the Negev, in the Tiberias area, at Suez, etc. are coordinated and synchronized. The lesson to be drawn is that our defences must be strengthened: the U.N. helps only those who help themselves.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) recalls that at the time of the Huleh dispute, when we were attacking or killing no one but wanted a peaceful development project, the American State Department decided to suspend financial aid to Israel. What will they do after the Negev attack? Are they going to give arms to Syria, whose Defence Minister, Ma'arouf Dawalibi, a Nazi yesterday and a pro-Communist today, is calling for a new war against Israel?

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) also condemns the powers for their equanimity. The paper believes that it will be possible, though extremely difficult, to strengthen security measures that will deter future attack.

## 'Black Swan' Letter Causes Court Uproar

ROME, Sunday (UP).—Spectators jamming the courtroom of Italy's "scandal trial of the century" jumped to their feet with a roar last night as a letter read in court described the son of Foreign Minister Attilio Piccioni as an "assassin."

The letter was identified as the "spiritual testament" of the star witness, "Black Swan" Anna Maria Moneta Caglio. It described her former lover, Marchese Ugo Montagna, as the head of a narcotics smuggling ring.

"I have learned that Ugo Montagna is the ringleader of the narcotics traffic, which involves the disappearance of many women," the letter said.

"He is the master mind of this gang, while Piero Piccioni (the Foreign Minister's son) is the assassin," it said.

The letter did not charge anyone explicitly with responsibility for the death of beautiful party girl Wilma Montesi, whose half-naked body was found last year on a lonely beach near Montagna's hunting lodge. But it said:

"I personally accompanied Ugo Montagna and Piero Piccioni on a visit to Police Chief Tommaso Pavone to hush up the Affaire Montesi."

Pavone resigned as Italy's Police Chief soon after the first allegations against him were made by witnesses in the trial.

# Leaders in English Football Continue Winning Streaks

By AKIVA KALMAN

The leaders in the English Football League had a good day on Saturday. West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers continued their winning way, with Cup semi-finalists Albion notching a 2-1 home win over Blackpool, in their pursuit of the coveted "double," and the "Wolves" completing a tough assignment by downing Preston North End on their own ground 1-0. Meanwhile Huddersfield Town lost way in their premier-honours challenge with a 3-1 defeat at Maine Road by Manchester United.

London sides (apart from Charlton Athletic, which beat Cardiff City 3-2 at home) had a bad day, Tottenham Hotspur went down heavily at White Hart Lane to Sunderland by 3-0, while Arsenal lost 2-1 away to Sheffield Wednesday. Chelsea were only able to force a one-all draw against bottom-placed Liverpool. An exciting promotion and championship game in the Second Division left honours even between Leicester City and Everton at two-all.

Port Vale, Third Division (North) leaders and Cup semi-finalists, added one more point to their tally with a goal-less draw at Carlisle, as Gateshead lost badly at Wrexham, by 5-1, although Barnsley kept up in the race with a 1-0 away win over Grimsby. In the Southern section, Ipswich Town at last came back into the winning trend, with a 2-1 victory at Norwich, as rivals Brighton and Hove Albion drew one-all at Bristol against the City.

In the Scottish League, the famous names came back into the news. Rangers slammed Clyde 5-2 in an away riot and Celtic downed Partick Thistle, 3-1, at another away date. Queen of the South were back in form and swamped Falkirk 4-0 away, and Raith Rovers beat luckless Hamilton Academicals 5-0 in a home fixture.

In the "handling code," England gained a notable win at Murrayfields over Scotland by 13 points to three in a game they had tied up from the beginning to retain the Calcutta Cup and win the mythical "triple crown."

## Industrial Exports Twice Last Year's

Israel's industrial exports in January 1954 were double those of January 1953, ($2.56m. compared to $1.06m.), according to figures released last week by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Trade Section.

Leading the list were machines ($941,637 — $422,000); textiles ($305,958 — $255,534); food products ($271,911 — $61,441); building products ($204,157 — $32,007); light industrial products ($160,570 — $59,089); metal products (141,372 — $74,964); citrus by-products ($130,187 — $101,721); and phosphates ($111,300 — none); and rubber products ($99,751 — none).

Export of plastic goods fell from over $7,000 to $3,542. It is striking that after Press battles over import of leather and hides, the shoe industry exported only 38 pairs of shoes in the first month of this year.

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**SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Div. A:** Aberd'n 1, Hearts 0; Airdrie 4, E. Fife 3; Clyde 2, Rangers 5; Falk'k 0, Qu. o. Rth. 4; Hibs. 3, Dundee 0; Partick 1, Celtic 3; Raith 5, Ham. Ac. 0; St. Mirren 3, Stirl'g 0. **Div. B:** Alloa 1, Morton 2; Arb'th 2, Th. Lanark 2; Dumbarton 1, Stenh'semuir 2; Dund. U. 4, Ayr 0; Dunf'line 2, Albion 0; Kilmarnock 3, St. Johnstone 0; Motherwell 5, Cowdenb'th 3; Qns. Park 2, Forfar 2.

**F.A. AMATEUR CUP: Semi-final replay:** Crook Town 3, Walthamstow Ave. 2.

**RUGBY UNION: Int.:** Scotland 3 pts., England 13 (at Murrayfield).

**CRICKET: West Indies:** Fourth Test (fourth day): West Indies, 681 for 8 dec.; England, 198 for 2. (Bad interference affected correct reception of these results).

## LOCAL SOCCER RESULTS

FRIENDLY GAMES: Tel Aviv Macc. 3, Tel Aviv Hap. 0; Tel Aviv Betar 2, Tel Aviv Hakoah 2; Natanya Macc. 3, Haifa Hap. 2; Haifa Hap. 4th 1, Petah T. Hap. 4th 1.

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DR. M. LANDAU
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**To Members of the Popular Housing Scheme — Stage II**

Following the request of many subscribers to the Popular Housing Scheme — Stage II, the final date for returning the forms in their possession regarding the executing group they wish to contact (Form ג/37/שוה/53) for the erection of their housing in the North Tel Aviv Area has been extended to March 31, 1954.

The same extension is also granted to those wishing to change executing groups. Those interested may apply in writing to the Office of the Popular Housing Scheme until March 31, 1954 (instead of March 20, as was notified in Notice No. 4).

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**THE WEATHER**

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| Haifa Port | 24 | 15 | 27 | 22 |
| Natanya | 43 | 14 | 30 | 21 |
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| Tel Aviv Port | 31 | 15 | 22 | 18 |
| Lydda Airport | 36 | 10 | 21 | 22 |
| Jerusalem | 23 | 14 | 24 | 17 |
| Beersheba | 22 | 7 | 30 | 22 |
| Eilat | 30 | 17 | 30 | 23 |

**FORECAST:** Gradual cooling from morning hours with possibility of slight rain towards evening.
A) Humidity at 4 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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**72 IMMIGRANTS** from Cochin arrived by El Al on Saturday from Nicosia, where they had been flown from India by a chartered British plane. They are all in good health and were taken to the Sha'ar Ha'aliya camp yesterday.

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**ABOUT 2,000 EMIGRANTS** from Israel, who have been unable to settle in Canada and Europe, are expected to return here in several organized groups shortly, it is reliably learned. Part of their fares will be paid by various Jewish relief organizations.

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**THE 1,000 INHABITANTS** of the new immigrants' housing project in Migdal Ascalon, last night celebrated the introduction of electricity into their homes after over two years of dependence on oil lamps.

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**WHILE PURIM** was being celebrated in Tel Aviv, burglars were busy stealing goods valued at IL.6,000 from 15 homes in the city.

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**THE AMERICAN** luxury liner s.s. Independence is due in Haifa today for a two-day call with 485 tourists.

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**A SERIES OF I.P.O.** concerts will be inaugurated in Rishon le Zion on Wednesday with an all-Beethoven programme conducted by Mr. Sergiu Celibidache, with Miss Ida Handel as soloist.

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**A GANG** of three men, two of them from Hadera, was arrested on Friday on suspicion of responsibility for several burglaries of Hadera shops during the past few months. Their names are being withheld pending further investigations.

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**KOL YISRAEL** is to broadcast a daily news bulletin at 6.15 p.m. in simple, slowly read Hebrew, from April 1.

### Miriam Roskin-Levy

The death has occurred in London of Miriam Roskin-Levy, wife of the prominent Jerusalem accountant.

Mrs. Roskin-Levy came to this country in 1936. In the early years of the war she served as a doctor with the ATS. But she then became ill with asthma from which she suffered continuously.

She was a sister of Mrs. Mordechai Nurock, wife of the Minister to Australia.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter and a son who is serving with the Air Force.

# Tel Aviv Puts Brake on 'Sherut' Taxis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Sherut taxis were partially outlawed by the Municipal Council tonight by the passing of a by-law regulating public transport. The by-law did not mention "Sherut" by name, as this service has never been recognized legally, but it stipulates that a taxi, like a bus, will be permitted to take on passengers only at authorized stops determined by the Municipality.

This means that Sherut taxis will be able to operate only from terminal to terminal, without picking up passengers on the way. Offenders will be punished by the police under existing traffic laws.

The by-law also regulates the right of the city to determine parking lots, and to collect rates for them, and outlaws parking in unauthorized places. In this case, the police may not intervene unless an obstruction to traffic occurs, and contraventions will be punished by the Municipal Court with fines ranging up to IL.100.

Mr. M. Pitchon, Chairman of the Municipal Traffic Committee, argued against Sherut taxis by saying that they occupied space on overcrowded streets, and that they incurred expenses in foreign currency for their maintenance which could not be justified.

Herut councillors who voted against the by-law, stated that the public was accustomed to the service and that the Dan bus cooperative gave bad service. The suggestion by Mr. I. Cholodniewitz (Mapam) to legalize Sherut taxis and to control their rates was passed to committee.

In a letter to Mayor Haim Levanon, Councillor M. Goldstein (Progressive) urged the formation of a Municipal Cultural Department to supervise libraries and evening classes and to attempt to provide recreation on a higher level than the population is now enjoying.

The District Attorney has informed the Municipality that three officials in its Maintenance Department will be sued by the State for criminal behaviour, while the cases of three others against whom investigations had been conducted are still under consideration.

### Tel Aviv Goes To Bed Later

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A law permitting the Mayor to grant licences to public places of entertainment, including cafes, to keep their premises open until 2 a.m. instead of midnight as hitherto, was passed by the Municipal Council here tonight.

Religious Councillors objected, claiming that cafes were "places of folly," while Mapai members thought that in a working city people should go early to bed. Mr. Z. Lavon (Mapai) claimed that there was altogether too much cafe-sitting in Tel Aviv, and that there was no place in the world where so many persons sat idle in cafes in the morning hours.

### Going to the Fairs

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — During the next two months Israel will be represented simultaneously at international trade fairs in Izmir and Brussels, as well as at a special fashion show which is to tour the U.S., it was announced here today by Dr. Eliezer Justic, who left by El Al on his way to New York to represent the Israel Fashions Union of the Manufacturers' Association at the dress shows.

On his way to the U.S., Dr. Justic will call at Izmir, as official Government representative, to supervise the arrangements for the Israel pavilion at the Izmir fair, and will go on to Brussels in connection with the exhibition there. *(Itim)*

### Japan's Jews Greet Crew of 'Tel Aviv'

HAIFA, Sunday. — A telegram from the crew of the s.s. Tel Aviv, which arrived in Yamashita port in Japan last week, received by the Seamen's Union here today, told of a festive welcome for the crew prepared by the Jewish community.

The ship's next port of call is Kuchan, Japan.

The s.s. Acco is now plying towards Japan.

### PERI IN US

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Mr. Eliezer Peri, chairman of the Israel advisory board of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, arrived yesterday from Paris to begin a three-week lecture tour in the U.S. Mr. Peri, a member of the Tel Aviv City Council, will speak on behalf of the Fund in Chicago and Cleveland, and later will lecture for the United Jewish Appeal.

### Jailed for Collaboration

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — For persecuting Jews while in a work unit of the Hungarian Army under Nazi direction during the war, Shmuel Meir, 32, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to nine months in prison by the District Court here today.

## Automatic 'Phones For Jaffa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Two new automatic telephone exchanges will be opened here at 1 p.m. on Friday, when the Jaffa manual exchange, one of the oldest in the country and the largest still in operation, closes down.

The new exchanges will serve the Ramat Gan and southern Tel Aviv and Jaffa areas.

Their introduction will entail the change of many existing telephone numbers but will enable the addition of thousands of new subscribers. A new country-wide 336 page telephone book in Hebrew is being issued this week, with all the new numbers listed.

While Jaffa numbers will retain the prefix "8," those in Ramat Gan will have another figure added to them at the end, bringing them from the former 7,000 series to a 70,000 series.

During the days before the change-over 99 subscribers in Jaffa will be transferred to the Tel Aviv central automatic exchange in Rehov Mikve Yisrael, which will remain the only exchange in this immediate area to handle four-figure numbers, while another 260 numbers will be transferred from the old central exchange to the northern exchange opened last year.

The northern exchange has a capacity of 7,000 lines; the southern exchange can handle 4,000 lines, while the new Ramat Gan exchange is of a 2,000-line capacity.

In a foreword to the new telephone book, the Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, notes that it contains 4,200 numbers more than the previous phone book. From May 15, 1948, to December 31, 1953, the number of telephone subscribers rose from 18,286 to 47,430.

## Natanya Mayor Recovering From Brain Concussion

NATANYA, Sunday. — Mayor Oved Ben Ami was seriously hurt in an accident at his home last Thursday. His condition is reported to have improved markedly by today.

The Mayor is being treated at home for a brain concussion which he sustained by falling into his fish pond. He slipped while cleaning the pond and was carried into his house unconscious. He will be examined this week for a possible skull fracture.

### Cattle, Goats Bought With Reparations

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A Danish cattle ship is now on her way to Israel from Germany with 389 head of cattle and eight goats, the Reparations Corporation announced here today. The cattle, bought in Oldenburg, are mainly of the "black-coloured" strain which has already proved its adaptability to the local climate.

The goats are a trial consignment. If they acclimatize here, the Purchasing Mission will buy 3,000 or 4,000 more under the Reparations Agreement.

### Acquitted for Lack Of Evidence

A 35-year-old resident of the Talpiot *ma'bara* in Jerusalem, Ya'akov Toav, charged with causing serious injury to his sister by hurling a flaming kerosene lamp at her last November, was released by Judge J. Weiner yesterday for lack of witnesses.

A witness, who allegedly had told the police that she had seen Toav throw the lamp, testified in Court that she had been lying. Toav claimed that he had accidentally dropped the lamp. *(Itim)*

### Bank Clerk Remanded

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The Bank Leumi clerk Uri Shraga, who is accused of stealing $30,000 worth of Tavel Dollars, was remanded in custody by the Magistrate's Court here today.

Shraga had recently returned from Spain, where he had gone several months ago with an alleged accomplice, to the place where they are said to have hidden the stolen bills.

Shraga's associate committed suicide when the two men had to leave Spain when their visas were not renewed, but Shraga maintains that he has returned of his free will to clear his name.

## CASH

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rency. This includes part of a IL.5.1m. deposit in the Bank HaPoalim, on account of a loan from Ampal.

The IL.32.4m. figure for reserve supplies and working capital of Government offices is itemized as follows: IL.4.7m. — communication enterprises; IL.4.7m. food; in warehouses (housing department, health, public works and police) — IL.13.2m.; and a number of smaller accounts with contractors, the Government printer, and advances to Government departments.

At the press conference where these figures were released, the Director General of the Treasury, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, said that the monthly budget account publications, together with other Ministry releases on foreign currency debts, and other such information, are intended to show the public the true state of the nation's finances.

He hoped to publish shortly details of the Government's IL.400m. outlay in Development Budgets over the past five years.

### RATION NEWS

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT:** Rice: for children: 250 gr., on Aleph cards; 300 gr., on Bet cards. Vav 2: temporary; 21. White flour: 750 gr., Zayin 6: temporary 14; Semolina: 600 gr., Aleph and Bet cards; no coupon; temporary; 22. Pulses 300 gr., no coupon; temporary 7. Imported honey: 450 gr., on Aleph cards, no coupon; temporary: 20. Potato flour: 300 gr., Het 22: temporary: 20.

## Minor Sent to Prison As Last Resort

A 15-year-old youth, whose record includes running away from a work village and the Messila remand home in Jerusalem, and involvement in the theft of IL.130, was sentenced by the Jerusalem Juvenile Court yesterday to a year in prison.

Magistrate D. Reifen, in passing sentence, said that, in view of the youth's character, the facilities of the Juvenile Court were incapable of dealing with him. Only prolonged imprisonment, he felt, might affect a change in the boy's outlook.

The theft of IL.130, climaxing a host of minor offences, took place on January 26, when he and two accomplices broke into a kiosk in the German Colony in Jerusalem. They were apprehended by the police as they attempted to enter another kiosk.

After this offence, the director of the Messila home refused to re-accept the youth.

### Arrested After Stolen Money Is Returned

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Filled with remorse, a man was arrested last week after he had returned the money he had stolen, but he will still be charged with theft, the police stated.

According to the police, a house at Nevatim was broken into last Tuesday and IL.580 in cash was stolen. The burglary was reported to the police and a 21-year-old man of the same village was arrested a few days later.

Police stated that he admitted the crime, but his conscience had bothered him in the meantime, and he had therefore returned the money. His victim is said to have forgiven him.

Police investigated and said that they had found his statement to be correct. His name is being withheld.

### *Invalid Prefers Prison As Way to Freedom*

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — An invalid who was charged in the Magistrate's Court here today with disturbing the peace, preferred two months in prison to being bound over in IL.50 bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

"I want to be free in my behaviour after serving my time," Eliezer Adler, 51, said.

"I cannot live on the IL.1 a day which I receive from various institutions, and the Jewish Agency (in whose offices he created a disturbance last week) must help me."

A COMBINED MEETING of the Council and Labour Council of Or Akiva (Caesarea) last week decided to ask the Government to resume work on the fishing harbour at old Caesarea as a means of providing work for local unemployed. Work on the fishing quay, which had lasted for almost twelve months, was stopped towards the end of the last budget year.

## *It's Spring, Feels Like Summer*

The season's first real *sharav* hit the country yesterday — the spring equinox — and caught Israelis still attired in their winter clothes.

Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were hot and dry, with a sky faintly misted over by clouds which gathered during the afternoon, leading to an overcast sky in the evening.

Beersheba was reported to be "sweltering."

### Bahai New Year

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Bahai community celebrated its 111th New Year today. Services and meetings with readings from the community's Holy Writings were held in the Bahai shrine and its surrounding garden on Mount Carmel.

Pilgrims from Persia, the U.S. and Britain were among the worshippers.

The Bahai New Year begins on March 21, the first day of Spring, symbolizing the start of new life in nature.

### Royalty in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Purim masquerade in Jerusalem came to a triumphant finish yesterday with a royal parade escorted by diminutive traffic cops on scooters and a children's ball at the Artists' House, where fairies and rabbits cavorted among the decorations.

About 1,000 parents and children attended the party, arranged by WIZO, the *sharav* adding to the discomfort.

The programme included a ballet performance by pupils of Mrs. Klara Bondi. Twenty prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

The police band played throughout the party, and Mr. M. Hovav, of Kol Yisrael, was master of ceremonies.

Some 200 youngsters from "Talpiot" school in the Corridor staged the procession. Ahasueros was borne aloft by dusky servitors, while Esther rode in a truck and Mordechai followed proudly on a mule. His beard came unstuck half-way.

Trigger-happy cowboys, with Sheiks and Red Indians in tow, continued to scare Jerusalemites wandering around the main streets. First prize for realism should go to Ovadia Michaeli, Terror of the Rockies, who, in full cowboy kit, careened down the road on a donkey.

There was a near riot in Zion Square when showers of balloons fluttered from the highest roof. Leaflets boosting Mif'al Ha'payis followed.

Queues at the Egged station in Tel Aviv were packed with travellers to Jerusalem last night, mostly holiday makers returning home. Egged raised their prices after nine o'clock, from 950 prutah to IL.1.200, a privilege usually exercised after the Sabbath and statutory holidays.

## Soccer in the Dark

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — One of the most lunatic manifestations of the Purim spirit here was disclosed last night when some 800 persons appeared to witness a weird football match between the teams of cafes Kassit and Rowal at Kiryat Meir.

The ball was kicked off half-an-hour after midnight by blonde Ice Revue star Gilda Doorn van Stayn, and disorganized mayhem on the bumpy pitch followed for the next 50 dark minutes.

Each player was supposed to come supplied with a flashlight, but, failing to do so, had to play with only a hazy moon and a runner as a guide.

While the spectators hooted and set off fireworks, an even fight was slugged out by the cafe *habitues*, and the final score was pronounced as 2:2, by Kassit, and 2:1, according to their opponents.

### FARMERS AMONG TUNIS NEWCOMERS

HAIFA, Sunday. — The s.s. Negbah arrived in Haifa today with 126 immigrants and 216 tourists and Israelis. Most of the immigrants came from North Africa; 23 were from Bulgaria. Among the tourists was a group of 10 young men from South American countries coming to attend a Youth Instructors' Course arranged by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

Newcomers from Tunis, who included several farmers' families, were sent to Petahia village near Ramle, and not to Sha'ar Ha'aliya as is usual. The immigrants from Libya, the first to arrive here for some time, were sent to Sharsheret in the Negev.

They said that about 4,000 Jews remain in Libya. The wealthy Jews were helping the poorer families to come to Israel, but they themselves intended to go to Italy and France, it was said.

The Libyan Government was not allowing Jewish property to be taken out of the country.

## *Cables in Brief*

**BOUGHT.** — Mr. Eugene Meyer, publisher of the "Washington Post," has bought the "Washington Times-Herald," a McCormick newspaper. The selling price is estimated to have been $8½m.

**REFUGEES.** — Sixty-eight refugees from Communist countries left Munich by air yesterday for the U.S.; among them were 24 children.

**AIR TALKS.** — Air Force chiefs from 12 North Atlantic pact nations met in Paris yesterday for a one-day conference to discuss Western air defence. The first meeting of its kind ever held, it took place at Supreme Allied Headquarters under the Chairmanship of General Lauris Norstad, SHAPE air deputy.

**HIMALAYAS.** — An advance party of four of New Zealand climber Sir Edmund Hillary's expedition to three unexplored Himalayan peaks arrived in Bombay from Auckland yesterday.

**INTER-AMERICAN.** — The three main committees of the Inter-American Conference, Cultural, Social and Working, have completed their task, it was announced in Caracas on Friday at the end of the third week of the conference.

**PRIESTS.**—A total of 158 Christian priests are in prison in Yugoslavia, mainly for war-time collaboration or post-war hostile activities, Mr. Dobrivoge Radosavljvic, President of the Yugoslav Government Religious Commission, said in Belgrade yesterday. Of this number, 134 are Roman Catholics, 23 Orthodox and two Protestant.

**RELATIONS.** — The Governments of South Africa and Portugal have decided to raise the status of their Legations in Pretoria and Lisbon to Embassies, a statement by the Union Department of External Affairs announced in Johannesburg yesterday.

**FIRE.** — Three sailors were burned to death when a fire broke out in the sleeping quarters of the Danish cargo ship Gudrun Maersk in Philadelphia yesterday. Two other sailors were seriously burned. Damage was confined to the crew's compartments.

## New Fashion for Nagib's Army

*Latest picture of General Nagib shows him receiving the new beret of the Egyptian infantry corps from Colonel Salah Hatata, commanding officer.* Express photo

## British History of War Says Egypt 'Wavered'

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — A British official war history published today, covering the Middle East campaign, declares that Egypt "wavered" on whether to support Britain or Italy.

"Among King Farouk's intimate circle there was no lack of counsellors ready to discount the decadent British and turn instead to the conquerors of Albania and Ethiopia," the author, Major General I.S.O. Playfair, says.

His book is the first of six entitled "The Mediterranean and the Middle East."

General Playfair declares that Italy was totally unprepared for war and entered because Mussolini thought that only a little token fighting would be required.

### New Cairo Art Sale To Dwarf Farouk's

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Egypt will stage an international sale of art treasures next year which will "dwarf" the present auction of ex-King Farouk's collection, Major Gaafar, Egyptian representative at the sale, announced here today.

This will be of the confiscated art treasures of the former royal Mohammed Ali family. Major Gaafar said at the end of the sale of Farouk's collection of works of art. The Farouk auction has so far brought in L.E.650,000, mostly in hard foreign currency.

**SEVERAL HUNDRED** persons attended a Communist and Sneh Faction-organized protest meeting against Professor Boehm's visit to Israel, in Rehov Herzl, Haifa, yesterday afternoon. Part of the crowd demonstrated against the organizers.

## Nagib Reduces Term Of Convicted Communist

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter).— President Nagib in his capacity as Military Governor-General has reduced to five years an eight-year sentence imposed on Robert Jack Granzian, one of eight Jews tried by a military court in Alexandria on charges of being members of the Hadatu Communist organization.

The President approved a sentence of five years in prison and a fine of L.E. 100 passed on Albert Jack Azula. He also approved the acquittal of four other men and Miss Rosy Yakub, and ordered a retrial for Jack Davis Hassun.

At their trial, the defence counsel strongly denied that the eight accused were associated with the Israel Communist Party and claimed that they were all Egyptian Jews.

### CAIRO CENSORS BAN FILM ON SUDAN

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — An Egyptian documentary film on the Sudan has been banned and withdrawn from Cairo cinemas after a week's showing because of scenes of naked tribesmen in the South Sudan.

The film was made during the recent tour of the Sudan by Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance and Sudan Affairs, and was released through his Ministry. It was banned by the Film Censorship Department of the Ministry of Interior.

### LEBANESE SEIZED SMUGGLING NYLONS

Seven Lebanese smugglers caught while attempting to cross into Israel with a large quantity of nylon stockings have been detained and will be brought before a military court in Beirut, ANA reports.

## Tomb of Qa Said Found Near Cairo

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Professor Walter Emery, leading Egyptologist, has discovered what may be the tomb of Qa, the last pharaoh of the first Egyptian dynasty who lived some 1,500 years before Tutankhamen.

Prof. Emery left London before Christmas to excavate for the 4,850-year-old tomb in Sakkara, ancient burial place in the desert, 15 miles south-east of Cairo.

The tomb has two walls round it. It was burned out at some time, and the intense heat of the fire has blackened several yards of brick. It was rifled through the centuries, but the remains of elaborate paintings still adorn part of the walls.

Prof. Emery said last night, "Although Qa's name has actually been found on pottery, we are still not absolutely certain that it is his tomb. It may have belonged to Qa or one of his nobles."

### Pyramid Crumbles

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — A 9,000 year old pyramid that twice refused to give up its secrets of a forgotten age, caved in last week only a week after archaeologists chipped their way into its rock-bound inner recesses.

Reports reaching here from Egypt's graveyard of kings near Sakkara, said one person died and two were seriously injured when the ancient stone edifice caved in.

They were digging towards the historic treasures scientists hope the pyramid contains. Two others were dug out of the crumbled stone and sand.

About two weeks ago, archaeologists cracked open the brick door to the two step pyramid and entered its dark interior in a ruth of air sealed up for 50 centuries. But 20 metres down the sloping corridor, they ran into dunes of sand and stone. Hopes that new records of world history would be found had to be put off until teams of workers could shovel away the tumbled wreckage.

Immediately, scientists and labourers went to work spading out the rubble blocking their way to the burial chamber.

It was the second time science had to use shovels. Egyptian archaeologist Zakaria Ghonheim's stumbling onto a corner of the huge block of dressed stone two years ago led him and his colleagues into a month-long ordeal of sweaty labour battling the shifting sands of the desert to expose the drifted doorway.

The third digging operation started immediately after sections caved in last week. Rescue workers pulled four of their colleagues from the piled-up stones and prepared to keep digging into the new mounds blocking their progress to the centre of the structure.

**SETTON, EDWARD VICTOR HYAM**
about 48, arrived in Israel early 1951 from England, but previously from Egypt. Will anyone knowing his whereabouts, please contact his son, Ellis Setton, c/o P.O.B. 79, G.P.O., Sydney, Australia.

## Personal Notices

Sheila (nee Isaacovici) and Arthur Frischer
*are happy to announce the birth of their daughter*
*Daphne—Ghilly*
*on March 18, 1954, at the Elisha Hospital, Haifa.*

*Ellis and Alisa Bar (nee Miodownik)*
*are very happy to announce the birth of their*
*Daughter*
Park Care Bexley Park Rd.
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England. March 13, 1954.

*Saad and Dina Levy* (nee Ben-Attar)
*are happy to announce the birth of a daughter*
*ESTHER*
on Thursday, March 18, 1954, at the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

Rabbi & Mrs. Zisha Brandwein, Jerusalem
Rabbi & Mrs. Samuel K. Misky, New York, U.S.A.
Are happy to announce the wedding of their children
*MEIR and SARAH*
on Wednesday, March 24, 1954, at the Yeshurun Synagogue, King George Avenue, Jerusalem. Reception from 3.30 to 6 p.m.

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## LAW AND MORALS

IS the law really an ass? Not all those who say so may remember that Mr. Bumble of Oliver Twist fame, when he pronounced his familiar verdict, was rebuking an officer of the law who suggested that Mrs. Bumble had committed an offence under her husband's direction; the indignant husband thereupon called a law which could arrive at such conclusions an ass, an idiot, and a bachelor. Like other critics of laws and legal procedure he was oblivious to the fact that the law has its own criteria.

The legal profession is no less a skilled craft than that of a plumber or cobbler. Just as common sense can discover a leakage but cannot repair a drain, it may be able to produce certain ideas about the meaning of the word domicile or about the difference between chance and skill in games, without however solving the legal problems implied in concepts about which many learned volumes have been written. Justice Cardozo once expressed his sense of wonder that "there are so many questions, elementary in the sense of being primary and basic, that remain unsettled even now."

This flux in the interpretation and application of legal concepts was well illustrated earlier this month when the English Court of Appeal had once again to deal with the question whether trade unions are corporate bodies in the legal sense. Lord Justice Denning, in a dissenting judgment, recalled that Mr. Balfour (as he then was) speaking as Prime Minister in the House of Commons in 1904 referred to trade unions as corporations. When he was interrupted by the observation "trade unions are not corporations," he retorted: "I know that. I am talking English, not law." Even today, half a century later, the issue is not settled, but this single incident reveals clearly a gap between common usage and the necessarily technical formulation and interpretation of a legal concept.

In practice, this gap may offend common sense, in which case disapproval cannot be better expressed than in Balfour's retort. It may also happen, however, that the discrepancy is of so serious a nature as to affront not only common sense but the sense of justice, that instinctive reaction which is difficult to define but very real none the less. This seems to have been so in the case of a dispossessed Arab farmer which is the subject of an article on another page.

Justice, like truth, is one of the perennial objects of human inquiry, and the relation between law and morals is one of its recurrent themes. From Locke's belief in the inalienable rights of man to Rousseau's claim of the right of the majority to make laws even if the rights of minorities are infringed, we find a dividing line between these two concepts. Incidentally, this doctrine that law and morals move on different planes, has just now been cogently attacked by Professor A.L. Goodhart, whom we had the privilege of welcoming to Israel not long ago, in his work on "English Law and the Moral Law."

It is, no doubt, one of the major tasks of human progress to restrict and ultimately to abolish altogether this area of conflict between law and morals. But this can only be a gradual process, and the lawmakers of modern society would fail in their duty if they ignored the hard facts of reality. The State of Israel has already gone a long way towards the goal of complete equality of all its citizens, but the case which has provoked this discussion is not the first instance of a dilemma between individual rights and interests and the legitimate claims of public policy. Even so, the annals of the Jewish people justify the confident hope that it will never tire in its "perpetual quest of justice," however tortuous the road may be.

# A SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS

## *Enosis Means Self-Respect to Greek Cypriots*

By CYRIL DUNN

*This is the second of two articles. The first appeared on March 19.*

NO one can hope to reach a just conclusion about the Greek Cypriot case for Union with Greece who thinks about it only in economic or political terms and does not realize that the trouble is overwhelmingly psychological. The Greek Cypriots want to be recognized as Greeks, but this is not their ultimate objective. What they are really after is their self-respect.

They want Greek identity because Greeks are not primitive colonial tribesmen but Europeans, like the British. As recognized Greeks, they hope to escape from the inferior status, the loss of dignity and esteem forced upon them by centuries of subjection to Egyptians, Phoenicians, Assyrians, Persians, Romans, Franks, Venetians, Turks, and Britons.

British rule, in its present form, is fundamentally wrong and oppressive because it continues to deprive the Cypriots of self-esteem. On the other hand, it would not be wise for the Cypriots to jump straight from their present status into Union.

But they need not postpone their hopes of self-respect until Union has been achieved. For almost a decade they have been offered a liberal constitution, yet they have dismissed offers of a limited self-government as a "British trick to postpone Union."

### Brief Council

The island has had a measure of self-government in the past. It had a Legislative Council which turned out to be so reactionary, so devoted to the interests of the highly acquisitive Cypriot commercial classes, that some people blame it, rather than the British frustration of Cypriot aspirations, for the disturbances of 1931, though Enosis leaders now proudly and extravagantly describe this brief eruption as "the Rebellion." After that, the Legislative Council was abolished, and since then laws have been enacted by the simple process of publishing them. Municipal elections have been revived in the towns, and at the end of the war the British offered to restore the Cyprus constitution. It was refused and since then has lain on the shelf.

The present impasse, wherein the British refuse to discuss the question of Union and the Cypriots refuse to discuss any other, is doing the Cypriots positive harm. The daily campaign for Union, led by the hierarchy of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus, deliberately modifies Cypriot enthusiasm for British schemes of development in the island and encourages irrational criticism as a political weapon.

The campaign makes imperceptible headway. What it really succeeds in doing, unintentionally, is to restrict the country's economic growth and seriously disturb the emotional balance and the judgment of the people. The Cypriots are not equipping themselves either to make a rational decision about their future status or to look after their own interests, if and when they become a province of Greece.

The only way in which the Cypriots can hope to lay hands on a really substantial measure of self-respect almost at once is to take a share in their own government. For this they do not have to struggle and argue as some other colonial peoples are obliged to do. They have only to reach out for the constitution which is constantly on offer to them, though it may not recently have been pressed upon their attention by an Administration content to let things go along as they are. But the proffered constitution is capable of being improved and would certainly have to be if the Cypriots are to be induced to accept it.

### Resident Ministers

SEVERAL imaginative suggestions are available to anyone who goes round the island asking unofficial questions. One such idea is to involve both the Greek Government and the Turkish Government in the government of Cyprus, by getting them to appoint Resident Ministers for Greek and for Turkish Affairs. They are seen as sitting, with the British Governor, in an Upper House, advising and if need be restraining an elected Legislative Council in any matters affecting British, Greek or Turkish interests. It is acknowledged that these interests might not always be identical, but the risk is felt to be worth taking in return for the healthy outlet for national sentiment these Ministers would provide.

Cyprus would remain British territory and Britain would reserve to itself complete powers in defence, foreign affairs, internal security and the administration of justice.

This experiment is thought to be capable of expanding to include a common citizenship, a common Civil Service (with the best jobs reserved for the Cypriot-born), and possibly a university in Cyprus, making it unnecessary for Cypriots to go, as they do now, to Athens, Ankara, or London for their advanced education.

But what the Cypriots need urgently is a Parliament of their own, giving them an effective say in the control of their own affairs. This is the simple and direct highway to self-esteem, as many Cypriots are already finding out by taking sole responsibility for the national organization of their village credit societies and cooperatives.

One can believe that there would be influential support for a form of self-government intelligently conceived and possibly quite different from anything Cyprus has known before. Everyone agrees that two guarantees would be needed for such a plan. The experimental constitution would have to be offered for a period of, say, ten years. And at the end of this period a national plebiscite on the future status of the island would have to be held, with all parties firmly committed in advance to its verdict, whatever it might be.

Such guarantees might convince the Archbishop, who has been pleading in vain for a national plebiscite, that he has a better chance of achieving Union in his lifetime with a Legislative Council than without one. His aloofness—he does not meet the British Governor and commonly disowns his considerable knowledge of the English language — has helped to form a luridly false impression of him among some of the British in Cyprus. Those who have talked to him over his elaborately carved desk know, on the contrary, that he is an intelligent and apparently reasonable man. His repeated unavailing trips to Athens and New York must have made him doubt the effective progress of his campaign. The courage he showed in Athens during the German Occupation might be expected to make him accept the risk involved in dropping his opposition to a constitution.

### Independent Cypriots

The risk is, after all, not very great. It is that the Greek Cypriots, after standing on their own feet for a time and running their own domestic affairs, might prefer to go on, not as Greeks, but as free and independent Cypriots linked economically with Greece, and possibly with Britain. This does not seem an outcome the Archbishop could genuinely deplore. He is himself of Cypriot village origin. He knows that the Greek colonies on the island in classical times had no political link whatever with the motherland; the ties, though strong, were wholly of religion and culture.

Besides, all Cypriots are not Greeks. Under an experimental constitution they might learn to live and work amiably together, whereas "Union and only Union" offers no solution to the problem of the Turkish minority beyond ignoring its existence. And if Cyprus goes on rejecting all form of self-determination other than "Union and only Union," it may well deny itself all hope of freedom and of self-esteem for its people in this generation.

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# NEGEV DEVELOPMENT GOES AHEAD

*Work goes on as usual in the Negev. Above is the potash plant on the shores of the Dead Sea, showing the material on the giant conveyor belt.* Photo by Eisenstark

# *History of Ma'ale Akrabim*

SITE of last week's massacre, Ma'ale Akrabim — the name apparently derives from the many scorpions in the area — is translated in the Authorized Version as "the ascent of Akrab-bim" and is first mentioned in the description of the boundaries of the Promised Land. "And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim and pass on to Zin". The southern limit of the tribe of Judah ran from here again "along to Zin." At one time in the history of the land the Amorites lived there — "and the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock and upward."

The only other reference to the spot is in the Book of the Maccabees. About 165 B.C.E. Judah the Maccabee fought the Edomites at Akrabattene (identified with Ma'ale Akrabim) "because they besieged Israel," and he "took their spoils." By defeating the Edomites here, the Maccabees held the most strategic pass between the land of Judah and Edom, the only fairly unbroken crossing in a land of impassable mountains and ravines.

Ma'ale Akrabim, Nakb al Saf in Arabic, commands the roads to Eilat, to the Arava and to Petra. It is the way by which the Israelites, coming up from Nahal Zin (Wadi Fikra) entered the Land of Canaan. The Romans built a fortress on top of the pass to protect the ascent, for whoever controlled Ma'ale Akrabim controlled the entire territory.

There is a magnificent view of the rough country of the Arava from here. In the centre of the Arava is Mount Hor (Jabal Madairah in Arabic) with its long low outliers of marl seamed with watercourses; Aaron died and was buried on top of it (Moslem tradition puts Aaron's burial place at Jabal Haroun, i.e., Aaron's Mountain, west of Petra).

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# Settlements Contract To 'Adopt' New Villages

By GERDA L. COHEN

FROM Rehovot to Beersheba, it's green, green with barely a patch of yellowed scrub to remind you of summer. Pale mauve and mustard flowers fan unending into lavish horizons of green. Even south of Beersheba, green pasture pricks between pebbles of the dry river-beds which drank rain in abundance this winter.

Along the Faluja road, three villages appear no less green and flourishing than the other 30 immigrant settlements in the Negev. A row of uniform white cottages, fringed by chicken-coops and an occasional goat tethered near the tap. Round the tap, juicy grass has sprung. Ahuzam, Uza, and Shalva get just enough water for drinking and washing. One day, the giant pipe-line bringing Yarkon water will pass their door; until then, — maybe two years — it's not worth laying an extension of the distant main pipe.

### Hunt for Work

The winter was also tough for the other villages, which have 10 dunams of irrigated land to each farm. It brought hunger and bitter resentment to the waterless villages. What could they live on until the harvest? Idle men tramped to Beeraheba and Rehovot, but the Labour Exchange kept jobs for the long queues of townsfolk without land. The Ministry of Labour reserved the bulk of its IL.2m. worth of unemployment works for alleviating destitution in *ma'barot*. Only villages near the the Keren Kayemet tree-nursery enjoyed a few days occupation. Odd jobs here and there were doled out in an arbitrary and haphazard way.

In January, the Government and the Jewish Agency tackled the situation, which had been growing more serious as every new village discovered that 10 dunams gave maybe a week's work in four. The two authorities formed an Employment Pool. Area officers distribute workdays allocated by the Agency and the Ministry of Labour in consultation with local bodies. This plan has covered the whole country, and promises fair.

### Minimum Wage Assured

"At Uza, Shalva and Ahuzam we've planted 150 dunams with tobacco, and 300 dunams of tomatoes, the kind which make purée," explained the Jewish Agency man in Beersheba. He was very pleased with the Employment Pool. "We can channel off manpower to places that are short of hands, and do things on a big scale instead of piecemeal. Every farmer in the 33 villages will get 12 days' minimum assured outside work." That means IL.40,800 a month until the grain ripens.

Last year, Ahuzam tried sowing its tract of common-land for the first time. Although the village has an agricultural adviser from the Agency, the experiment ended in failure. It's no easy thing for ex-shopkeepers and tailors to overcome the dozen hazardous stages between ploughing and harvesting. This year, Degania Aleph and its neighbour kibbutz, Beit Zera, have adopted Ahuzam. The kibbutzim guaranteed to train the apprentice tractorists and manage the whole crop. The profit will be shared equally, Ahuzam taking part of the grain for its poultry, and the rest going to Degania Aleph and Beit Zera. Lads from Ahuzam have gone to learn mechanics in the Jordan kibbutzim. Other veteran settlements have also signed three-year "adoption contracts" with the Agency, giving them land and the newcomers experience.

# International Black Market at Peak

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK. — SYLVIA Porter, the idealistic financial editor of the "New York Post," says in the paper that when Dr. Franz Pick's "Black Market Yearbook" was first published two years ago, she hoped that Dr. Pick would have to eat every syllable of his black words. Now that Dr. Pick's third annual edition is off the press, she admits that she has hoped in vain.

This last volume states that international black and gray market operations in 1953 reached an all-time high of $13 billion. Governments and their officials had a leading share in these transactions, Pick asserts, adding that governments are the real promoters of the black markets, which could not function if freedom of transfer of assets existed.

Israel currency remained fairly stable throughout last year as it did in 1952 but it has begun to drop in 1954. The first yearbook registered a 51% drop in the value of the Israel pound in Zurich and New York in 1951. In January 1952, the pound was worth 42 cents. In September 1952, the price went up to 47c, but by January 1953, it was back to 43c. In September 1953, the price again rose to 47c, but by the end of the year it was down to 41c, showing a net loss of 7 per cent for the year. In the first two months of 1954, Dr. Pick's monthly World Currency Report shows the pound dropping to new lows as prices and the cost of living rose in Israel. In January, the pound sold at 40c, and in February at 38c.

Added to this year's edition is a chapter on clearing currencies (which, until recently, was largely limited to the switching of sterling and thus became known as "switch-deals"). Early in 1951, it became an important element in world trade, and in 1953, clearing deals totalled $121 billion or 75 per cent of the world's trade, which, says Dr. Pick, "shows the enormous hurdles on the road to convertibility."

Most of the clearing transactions were confined to the organized blocs. These are:

1. The Sterling Bloc, comprising all the Commonwealth countries except Canada, and including Burma, Ceylon, India, Iraq and Pakistan. Foreign Trade in 1953 was $51 billion. Overlapping this bloc is a new Arab Clearing Union now in formation consisting of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and a number of Sheikdoms. The Arabs did a business of about $2 billion last year.

2. The United Kingdom and Ireland are also members of the European Payment Union (E.P.U.) which was formed by 15 European countries and did a foreign trade of $48 billion last year.

3. The Ruble bloc, consisting of the Soviet Union and the countries in its orbit, including China and North Korea. Its trade in 1953 was about $8½ billions.

The rest of the countries, sometimes called the "Have-Not Bloc" are on their own, making whatever deals they can to move goods. Leading traders in this group are Japan, Argentina, Brazil, Spain and Finland.

### Clearing Discounts

The discount paid in a clearing transaction is in direct proportion to the strength of the country's currency. For instance if Israel, as the result of German Reparations, is given the use of a German trade balance it is worth practically its face value in the New York market. German currency being strong, the discount on the clearing payment would be no more than two per cent. But if Israel uses a Finnish clearing payment, earned by exporting citrus to Finland, it will find that it is worth about 13 per cent less than face value. Finnish currency, like Israel's, is not among the world's most wanted. Conversely, when Finland exports pulp to Israel and uses an Israel clearing to purchase machinery in New York (a transaction which Dr. Pick recently completed for a client), the Finnish buyer will pay a discount of about 13 per cent on his Israel credit.

Three and four-cornered transactions have become common during the last year, Dr. Pick says. Britain and West Germany, with the most experience in switch-deals, have achieved the greatest success in keeping their clearing balances low and moving the maximum amount of goods. All of these transactions are subject to Central Bank licences on both ends of the operation, but in New York, trading in clearing balances is confined to five dealers with international connections. All American banks, except one in Manhattan, refuse to participate in clearing transactions.

The price of gold and of gold coins continued to drop in 1953 and reached its lowest level since 1939. "The price decline was free of panic," Dr. Pick states, "and did not decrease global hoardings of the yellow metal." Diamonds declined very slightly in price because of "restriction tactics" by the London Diamond Syndicate, but they are not hoarded as an anti-inflationary measure as they are not convertible. As gems could not be sold for more than 40 per cent of the purchase price, the news that "diamonds are not a girl's, but only a dealer's best friend" began to spread.

Smuggling activities of diamonds continued unabated although the U.S. import tax is only 10 per cent, and the 20 per cent Federal excise tax is paid by the consumer. Diamond smuggling seems to be easy: only one out of every 250 carriers is caught, while the infrequent losses are covered by "International Cooperative Insurance." The insurance premiums declined toward the end of 1953 and fluctuated between three and four per cent of the shipment value.

# Readers' Letters

### KASHRUT SIGNS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — "Following a demand by the orthodox public, butcher shops that sell non-kasher meat must display prominently a sign to that effect. Each letter of the sign, which must read 'non-kasher meat' or 'non-kasher meat sold here', must be at least one square decimetre in size and of such a colour that they can be seen easily by passers-by."

This is not a sarcastic parody on life in Israel; it is the most recent decree of the Food Controller.

The "orthodox public" has demanded a great number of things in the past. It demanded that no public vehicles carry the working population on its holidays to out-of-town bathing beaches — and the Tel Avivi must stay home or pay exorbitant taxi-fares to Bat Yam or Herzlia. It demanded that certain meat imported from Argentina be prevented from reaching the local market because the "wrong" Rabbinate in Buenos Aires had confirmed its *kashrut* — and we went without meat a few months longer. This list can be extended at will, culminating in the recent infamous campaign conducted against the Israel Defence Army on the hoardings of the Capital, each poster duly stamped by the Jerusalem Municipality.

Now the Food Controller has rallied around. In a style which is reminiscent of similar ukases of other times and other countries, a considerable percentage of our butcher shops are ordered to confess in public to the sale of non-kasher meat — "so that it can be seen easily by the passer-by." This last stipulation gives the show away. This is not an administrative classification of shops introduced for the protection of the unsuspecting customer: — it is devised and calculated to be observed by the passer-by.

While we are at it, what about a mustard-brown coat of paint for "Shabbat Taxis" and, say, zebra marking for cows giving milk on Saturday?

Yours, etc.,
*CITIZEN*

Tel Aviv, March 11.

# KEEPING POSTED

DESPITE Wednesday's tragedy Purim was still Purim, at least for the children. In recent years the holiday has been taking on an increasingly secular air, the number of Queen Esthers and Kings has been dropping off; perhaps the stock of oriental finery, at least in the towns, is dwindling. Cowboys are definitely the thing this year, regiments of them, with a sprinkling of Red Indians and Spaniards in black paper hats, made by an enterprising firm. In America itself, we understand, the cowboy and Indian traditions have now almost merged, and there is a certain amount of Indian flavour to any real cowboy outfit. The most surprising costume we saw this year was a small boy dressed as Moses, complete with desert sandals, a staff, something that looked suspiciously like a prayer shawl, a curly blond beard and the "horns" that Michelangelo introduced.

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A HAIFA man who uses a guide dog with the usual harness, but despite his lack of sight walks with a sure and rapid step, tells that he heard some people admiring his dog and saying "and look, he's dressed up as a horse!"

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*A CORRESPONDENT writes that a few days ago he had to take a large water meter for adjustment to Kibbutz Dalia, where it had been made. As it was cumbersome, he packed it in a knapsack which he slung over one shoulder. Between buses he left the package at the luggage office of the Haifa bus station. The man in charge was surprised to find the knapsack too heavy to lift and asked what was in it. There was a generally jovial mood in the place, and the man with the water meter said "dynamite." The clerk smiled, put a label on the knapsack, and tossed it away on a shelf. Half an hour later the owner came to call for the bag, and as the clerk struggled with its uncanny weight once more he said "Of course you don't have to tell me if you don't want to, but what is there in that knapsack that is so heavy?" "Not at all," said the man, as he adjusted the straps over his shoulders. "It's a water meter I'm taking to have mended." This time an ominous look of doubt clouded the clerk's face and he said disagreeably, "All right, if you don't want to say I can't make you...."*

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WE have it on good authority that a man, neatly dressed but old-fashioned looking, boarded a No. 4 bus in Haifa on its way to the Talpiot market, and said to the driver "Excuse me, but is this the bus that goes to the Black Market?" The driver nodded without a smile, and the man dropped into a seat with a sigh of relief.

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*WE were shown the cover page of the official Italian tourist publication the other day, and asked to say what struck us about it. It showed a photograph of the ornate "Wishing Well" in Rome, with a young couple on a motor-cycle to one side. We saw nothing out of the way. The horses were rearing and the dolphins blowing in the accepted manner, and the boy and girl were quite ordinary, exactly the*

*kind of young people you might see in Tel Aviv any day of the week. It just went to show, we said. Then we got the point. There, right in the middle of the picture, is the licence plate of the bicycle — 18422 ת a good Tel Aviv number.*

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# *Mt. Carmel's Flower*

NATURE NOTES

IT struck us forcibly how very rich the Carmel slopes are in wild-flowers. Except for certain parts of Galilee, there is no region in Israel to compare with them in that respect. With a little imagination you can bring home original combinations for your vases, quite apart from the glories well-known to everybody, such as anemone, ranunculus, cornflower, flax, cyclamen, and tulip. In a large pot or a slender vase, for instance, a few branches of *Pistacia mastix* look most intriguing. The shrub is now in bloom, the tiny racemes varying from dark blood-red to cinnamon, and if you stick a few stems of the rather insipid asphodel with its white stars between the leafy branches, they heighten the effect. Or there is the Shepherd's purse *(Capsella bursa-pastoris)*, a crucifer known all over the world. The local variety is bright yellow, with very small flowers, so that the whole umbel looks delicate and feathery; placed in a vase with something blue, say sage, or cornflower somewhat later, they make a wonderful splash of colour.

It is a pity that the loveliest blue which now in March dots the hills, that of the small blue iris, will not keep in water. The flower, outstanding in form as in colour, closes up immediately when plucked to the great disappointment of the children who will persist in picking it.

*P.A.*

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